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A census of migrants residing in camps and housing facilities in 8 western New York State counties was conducted in 1968. A sample data form was sent to each known grower or owner before meeting with them. Where meetings could not be arranged, information was pieced together from other sources and reported as an estimate. Information for each county was in tabular form and included camp ethnicity; name of camp; town; New York State Health Identification Number; and the number of men, women, and children. A copy of the sample data form was in the appendix. (PS)

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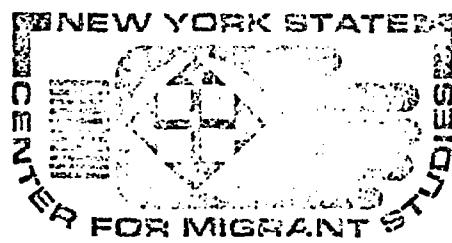
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STATE COUNTIES IN 1968

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PREFACE

This census of migrants residing in camps and housing facilities operating in eight western New York State counties in 1968 was commissioned by the New York State Center for Migrant Studies in Spring, 1968. In completing the study, every effort was made to secure the most accurate and relevant data from the growers and owners or their appointed representatives. A sample data form (see Appendix 1) was sent to each known grower or owner before meeting with them. Where meetings could not be arranged, information was pieced together from other sources and is reported as an estimate, marked with an asterisk (*).

The study was carried out in the last half of 1968. Nearly 17,000 miles were traveled and hundreds of visits were made to growers, processors, local Health Departments and officials, OEO organizations, Child Care Center representatives, school systems, migrant organizations, and farm labor leaders. Their cooperation was helpful and very much appreciated. Special thanks are extended to Mr. Arthur Rood, principal of the Florentine-Hendrick School, Wolcott, New York for his efficient and careful assistance in making possible the completion of this study.

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A SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

A summary of findings of the census of migrants residing in camps and housing facilities (hereafter designated as camps) operating in eight western New York State Counties is shown in Table 1. The migrant population surveyed totalled 7,482 and resided in 226 separate living areas. The total population is broken down by ethnic type into four groups:

<u>Ethnic Type</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>
Mexican-American	2%
Negro	73%
Puerto Rican	23%
white	2%

The total for each ethnic group is further divided into men, women, and children (under fourteen years of age). (Incomplete records were gathered for migrant children by age, sex, and address. These materials are available upon request from the New York State Center for Migrant Studies.) These categories, as well as the number of camps by ethnic group, are shown on the extreme left side of the table. The center of the table shows the number of migrants in each category as well as the number of camps for each of the eight counties surveyed. At the extreme right side of the table, the number of migrants in each category and the number of camps by ethnic type in all of the eight counties are totalled HORIZONTALLY (left to right).

To illustrate the findings shown in Table 1, consider the vertical column showing Chautauqua County. During the 1968 season, no Mexican-American or White migrants were counted in Chautauqua County. Of the Negro migrant population of 210, 109 were men, 26 women, and 75 children. The largest ethnic group of migrants were 292 Puerto Ricans: 285 men, 4 women, and 3 children. The TOTAL number of all four types of migrants was 502, with 394 men, 30 women, and 78 children. All of these migrants in Chautauqua County were counted in 15 camps, 3 of which were identified as primarily Negro camps and 12 as primarily Puerto Rican camps.

Tables 2-9 provide the sources for Table 1. There is a separate table for each of the eight counties surveyed. Each table shows the name of each camp, its location, and New York State Health Identification, and the number of persons (men, women, and children) in residence at the time the census was taken. The camps are also classified by dominant ethnic group in residence.

TABLE I
A Census of Migrants in Eight Western New York State Counties in 1968:
A SUMMARY OF FINDINGS*

Number and Ethnic Type of Migrants and Camps	Eight Western New York State Counties							TOTALS (Horizontal)
	Chautauqua	Erie	Genesee	Livingston	Niagara	Otsego ¹	Steuben	
MEXICAN AMERICAN	0	0	0	31	0	54	0	88
# of Men	0	0	0	5	0	7	0	15
# of Women	0	0	0	10	0	27	0	50
# of Children ³	0	0	0	46	0	83	0	153
TOTAL	0	0	0	19	0	83	0	
NEGRO ²	109	102	193	130	275	408	601	2755
# of Men	26	20	47	40	117	171	208	1015
# of Women	75	50	56	50	228	269	533	1639
# of Children ³	210	172	296	220	620	843	1342	5488
TOTAL	285	342	297	252	141	140	196	1653
PUERTO RICAN	4	18	1	0	0	0	0	61
# of Men	3	37	0	0	0	0	0	44
# of Women	3	397	298	252	141	140	238	1758
TOTAL	292	397	298	252	141	140	238	
WHITE ²	0	25	0	0	12	7	25	69
# of Men	0	10	0	0	2	3	8	25
# of Women	0	0	0	0	1	5	15	21
# of Children ³	0	35	0	0	15	15	48	113
TOTAL	0	35	0	0	15	15	48	
TOTAL POPULATION	394	469	490	413	451	555	876	4565
# of Men	30	48	48	45	122	174	261	1112
# of Women	78	87	56	60	242	274	579	1805
# of Children ³	502	604	594	518	795	1003	1716	7482
TOTAL	502	604	594	518	795	1003	1716	
NUMBER OF CAMPS								
Mex.-Am.	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	4
Negro	3	7	5	5	33	25	40	164
Puerto Rican	12	24	5	2	2	1	7	53
White ²	0	1	0	0	5	1	0	5
TOTAL	15	32	10	9	39	27	48	226

*See Tables 2-9 for estimated data.

1. Includes Migrants Living in Camps and on Miscellaneous Farms

2. Includes a small number of North American Indians

3. Under 14 years of age

TABLE 2
A Census of Migrants in Chautauqua County in 1968:
A SUMMARY OF FINDINGS¹

Ethnic Type of Camp	Name of Camp	Town	NYS Health Identification Number	Number of Men Women Children			TOTAL (Horizontal)
				Men	Women	Children	
NEGRO	Al Dean Rte. 5 & Pratt Al Dean Barnes Silver Creek Pres.	Portland Portland Iannover	1062-9012 1066-9014 1066-3010	91 6 12	20 2 4	25 0 26	136 8 222 210
MUERTO	Fabro FLC A.J. Falcone Jos. & J. Falcone Feinrich Bros., Inc. John XIII Russell Joy Marquart's FLC Pagan (John) A. Sam & Sons Statz (William) LC Van Dette Canning Van Dette FLC	Fredonia Sheridan Sheridan Sheridan Pomfret Sheridan Cherry Creek Sheridan Dunkirk Iannover Sheridan Sheridan	1066-8009 1067-1021 1067-1016 1067-1020 1066-8022 1067-1017 1065-5007 1067-1018 1065-7008 1066-3011 1067-1019 1067-1013	7 10 87 10 70 14 18 10 15 4 42 285	0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 2 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 2 2 0 0 1 1 0 0 0	7 10 87 10 70 17 18 10 15 6 44 202
TOTAL POPULATION				394	50	782	5022

¹Census taken during September 5-14, 1968.

²Includes 44 Negro children known to be in the Brocton School District but not recorded by place of residence.

TABLE 5
A Census of Migrants In Erie County in 1968:
A SUMMARY OF FINDINGS¹

Estimated

Information on Request from the Center for Migration Studies

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- a. The John Thomas Camp was the forerunner of the Produce Canners Coop., N.Y.S. Health Identification Number 1146-1042.
 - b. Same as J.P. Morgan. Reported separately to distinguish 2 distinct harvest seasons grapes & strawberry

TABLE 4
A Census of Migrants in Genesee County:
A SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Ethnic Type of Camp	Name of Camp	Town	NYS Health Identification Number	Number of Men		Number of Women	Number of Children	'TOTAL (Horizontal)
				Men	Women			
NEGRO	Condello Bros. Grimmell Inc. AA Smith, Robert Stewart, Walker Weathers, Frank	Byron Byron Bethany Byron Elba	1098-1855 1101-1857 1095-1854 1097-1855 1100-1857	12 46 40 45 50	0 6 15 15 11	0 8 18 5 25	0 8 5 2 56	12 60 73 65 86
PUERTO RICAN	Curtice-Burns Curtice-Burns Rowcliffe, R.C. Swartz Farms, John Zicarri-Fiorica	Bergen Oakfield Elba Elba Elba	1093-1821 1108-1824 1105-1857 1103-1857 1102-1857	120 150 9 8 4	0 0 1 0 1	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	120 150 10 8 6 43
TOTAL POPULATION				490	48	56	594	

¹ Census taken during August 26--September 1, 1968.

² Includes one high school student

³ In residence at Robert Smith Camp, Bethany, 1095-1854.

TABLE 5
A Census of Migrants in Livingston County:
A SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Ethnic Type of Camp	Name of Camp	Town	NYS Health Identification Number	Number of Men Women Children			TOTAL (Horizontal)
				Men	Women	Children	
MEXICAN- AMERICAN	Bishop's (Julien) Monkey Run	Springwater Springwater	2256-3372 2256-4427	12 <u>19</u> <u>31</u>	5 0 5	10 ² 0 10	27 <u>19</u> <u>46</u>
NEGRO	Belanger (Apex) Blue Eagle (Gibson) Lucian Hills #1 Lucian Hills #3 Votyka, Bernard	Springwater Springwater Springwater Springwater Springwater	2256-3367 2256-4373 2256-4401 2256-4402 2256-4445	25 18 30 30 27	3 4 12 10 11	0 5 9 0 36	28 27 51 40 74
PUERTO RICAN	Bird's Eye, Inc. Curtice-Burns, Inc.	Avon Mt. Morris	2255-0371 2255-5383	69 ⁴ <u>183</u> <u>252</u>	0 0 0	0 0 0	69 ⁴ 183 252
TOTAL POPULATION				413	45	60	518

¹Census taken during August 20-22, 1968

²Includes three high school students

³Includes two high school students

⁴Includes four Negro men

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TABLE 6 - Cont.

Ethnic Type of Camp	Name of Camp	Town	NYS Health Identification Number	Number of Men Women Children			TOTAL (Horizontal)
				Men	Women	Children	
PULKTO RICAN	Comstock-Greenwood Strussenberg	Perinton Clarkson	2276-2501 2276-0527	130 11 <u>141</u>	0 0 0	0 0 0	130 11 <u>141</u>
WHITE	Austin, J.I. L. Jennejahn L. Jennejahn	Hamlin Parma Parma	2275-5492 2276-0510 2276-0511	4 6 2 <u>12</u>	0 0 2 2	0 0 1 1	4 6 5 <u>15</u>
MISCELLANEOUS FARMS					29	26	76 ⁶
TOTAL POPULATION				431	122	242	795

¹Estimated²Census taken during June 16-17 and July 23-August 5, 1968³Includes two high school students⁴Not open in 1968 season⁵Includes one high school student
Includes M. & F. Farms, Inc., Parma; Mazen Camp, Hamlin; Elliott Camp, Hamlin which were indicated by the N.Y. State Department of Health too late to be included in the census of Monroe County. The migrants on these farms were Negroes.⁶Includes three high school students

TABLE 7
A Census of Migrants in Niagara County
A SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Ethnic Type of Camp	Name of Camp	Town	NYS Health Identification Number	Number of Children		TOTAL (Horizontal)
				Men	Women	
NIGRO	Baker, Frank	Porter	1315-7116	30	10	14*
	Burrows, Donald	Wilson	1316-1117	4	1	2
	Carter, Kenneth	Porter	1315-7118	4	1	1
	Connolly FLC	Somerset	1315-9119	14	5	4
	Dickinson Farms	Somerset	1315-9120	28	10	22
	Fitch, Hulley	Wilson	1316-1121	14	1	0
	Fitch, Roy	Somerset	1315-9123	13	12	2
	Goodrich Orchds.	Wilson	1516-1124	7 ²	2	1
	Hall Apple Farm	Lockport	1515-3125	10	3	0
	Israel Camp	Somerset	1315-9129	6	1	7
	Kappius Orchds.	Wilson	1315-4150	13	5	2
	King Kermit	Porter	1315-7131	5	0	0
	Liedell, K. (2 Camps)	Newfane	1315-4155	28	25	37 ²
	McClampa Farm	Newfane	1315-4134	6	3	3
	Murray Farm	Newfane	1315-4135	6 ⁴	0	0
	Ontario Orchds.	Newfane	1515-4136	25	7	7
	Orangeport Orchds.	Royalton	1315-8157	15	2	0
	Pease FLC	Lockport	1315-3138	7	5*	7 ⁵
	Sayer FLC	Newfane	1315-4141	15 ²	7	8 ⁵
	Schmidt, D. & S.	Newfane	1315-4149	5	2	2
	Shady Bank Farm	Newfane	1315-4142	3	0	0
	Silsby Bros.	Royalton	1315-8143	9	2	0
	Singer-Russell	Newfane	1315-4144	14	5*	15*
	Youngstown FLC	Porter	1315-7147	50	11	11*
	Zehr, Merrill	Newfane	1315-4148	17	0	0
	Non-Permit Camps and Farms			82*	53*	124*
				408	171	269
PUERTO RICAN	Southland F. Farm	Somerset	1315-9145	140	0	0
	Phillips Orchds.	Newfane	1315-4139	7	3	5
	TOTAL POPULATION			555	174	274
WHITE						140
						15
						1603

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FOOTNOTES - TABLE 7

¹Estimated

¹Census taken during October 3-November 1, 1968

²Includes two Canadian Indians

³Includes two high school students

⁴Includes a few Indians and Whites

⁵Includes one high school student

⁶Information on request from the Center for Migrant Studies

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TABLE 8 - Cont.

Ethnic Type of Camp	Name of Camp	Town	NYS Health Identification Number	Number of Children			TOTAL (Horizontal)
				Men	Women	Children	
NEGRO - Cont.	Riordan	Ridgeway	2565-7646	14	5	8	27
	Rush	Gaines	2565-4610	8	2	8 ⁶	18
	Sartwell	Carlton	2365-2585	24	11	18 ²	55
	Silver Creek	Murray	2365-3653	32	16	16 ²	64
	Spalla	Gaines	2565-4608	8	7	17 ²	32
	Wilson Bros.	Kendall	2365-5621	4	4	5 ⁵	13
	Wilson, Ed.	Carlton	2365-2587	4	3	5 ⁵	12
	Woodworth	Yates	2365-9663	24	8	11 ¹	43
	Non-Permit Camps and Farms ³		439	162*	208	367*	1011
			601	208	0*	166*	328*
PUERTO RICAN	Bird's Eye	Ridgeway	2365-7642	98	35	0 ²	133
	Calarco - 2 Camps	Clarendon	2365-3595	24*	0*	0 ²	24
	Dragon	Albion	2365-0563	16*	0*	0 ²	16
	Kirby, Francis	Albion	2365-0565	7*	0*	0 ²	7
	Sacheli #2	Clarendon	2365-3596	8	0	0 ²	8
	Transit View	Murray	2365-3634	14	0	0 ²	14
	Willow Run	Albion	2365-0561	12	3*	4 ²	19
	Non-Permit Camps and Farms ³			17*	38	4 ²	221
				196	38	0 ²	17
						4 ²	238
WHITE	Brown, R.	Carlton	2365-2580	25	8	15 ⁷	48
TOTAL POPULATION				876	261	579	1716

⁴Estimated⁵Census taken during November 3 - December 20, 1968²Includes two high school students³Information on request from the Center for Migrant Studies⁴Includes three high school students⁵Includes six high school students⁶Includes five high school students⁷Includes one high school student

TABLE 9
A Census of Migrants in Steuben County:
A SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Ethnic Type of Camp	Name of Camp	Town	NYS Health Identification Number	Number of Women			Number of Children	TOTAL (Horizontal)
				Men	Women	Children		
NIGRO	Al-Car, #1 & 2	Avoca	2505-1363	45	10	112	66	
	Alderman #2	Avoca	2505-1365	34	25	133	72	
	J. Auchland & Sons	Arkport	2506-0566	5	0	0	5	
	Baldwin, L. (Apex)	Wayland	2507-7368	15	12	233	50	
	Bidwell, A. #1	Prattsburg	2507-0369	15*	0	0	15	
	Boos, J. #2 & 3	Avoca	2505-1374/5	25*	5*	152	45	
	Bourgoine, L. #4	Wayland	2507-7576	11	6	103	27	
	Case, A.V. #5	Wayland	2507-7379	15	5	2	22	
	Case, A.V. #1	Wayland	2507-7378	0	0	0	0	
	Clark Seed Farms #2	Cohocton	2505-8380	40	10	5	55	
	Clark Seed Farms #3	Avoca	2505-8386	28	5	7	40	
	Camp Goodtime	Danville	2506-0377	43*	10*	8	61	
	Croney's Camp	Wheeler	2508-0382	29*	15*	15*	59	
	Davis Camp, J.L.	Wheeler	2508-0385	12	5	5	22	
	Drum Bros.	Cohocton	2508-0386	17	3	2	22	
	Fairbrother #2	Cohocton	2508-0389	17	7	204	44	
	Gardner (Joe Fox)	Cohocton	2508-0392	18	10	27	55	
	Goodwin, L.	Danville	2506-0395	22	8	19	49	
	Gozolski's (Lent Hill)	Cohocton	2508-0396	5	4	7	16	
	(Kelsey) Hill Camp	Wheeler	2508-0400	35	15	212	71	
	Hoeffner Bros. #2	Freemont	2506-2406	2506-2407	22	5	142	41
	Hoeffner Bros. #3	Conecton	2508-0403	18	3	82	29	
	A.P. Hoeffner Sons	Cohocton	2508-0405	2508-0404	20	6	152	39
	A.P. Hoeffner #3	Cohocton	2508-0404	2507-7409	25	0	50	50
	A.P. Hoeffner #2	Wayland	2505-1411	21	3	3	27	
	Jablonski's Camp	Avoca	2506-0412	20*	31	213	72	
	Jalbrzykoski's #2	Long Lane	2505-8425	45*	16*	17	78	
	Julien Labor Camp	Henry Miller's	2505-8416	2506-2420	20*	10	255	55
	Katzur Farm	Maple Hill	2508-0422	25	10	115	46	
		McGinnigle L. #12						

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TABLE 9 - Cont.

Ethnic Type of Camp	Name of Camp	Town	NYS Health Number	Identivation		Number of Men	Women	Children	TOTAL (Horizontal)
				Men	Women				
NIGRO - Cont.	McGunnigle E. #13 Mitchell, R. I. Morrell Camp #1 Olmsted (Cooper) #1 Olmsted (Cooper) #2 Reimel's, J. #2 Schuler's #1 Schuler's #2 Seligman #1 Seligman #3 Tucherello (Acomb) Werth, Hale Wheeler Hill (Raches)	Cohocton Avoca Avoca Prattsburgh Wayland Wheeler Wheeler Prattsburgh Prattsburgh Prattsburgh Prattsburgh Dannsville Wayland Wheeler	2508-0423 2506-2426 2505-1428 2505-1435 2507-0434 2507-7436 2508-0438 2507-0419 2507-0441 2507-0442 2506-0362 2507-0446 2508-0447	20 23* 45* 35 25 20 35 15 10 10 17 20*	12 8 25 15 0 11 10 5 5 7 3 10 5	0 4 10 0 0 6 254 10 12 8 7 92 4	32 35 80 60 25 37 68 10 10 12 29 25 27 39 20	10	1750
TOTAL POPULATION				937	384	429	1750		

^aEstimated

1Census taken during August 7-20, September 3-30, 1968

2Includes one high school student

3Includes two high school students

4Includes three high school students

5Includes six high school students

6Includes four whites and one Indian

7Information on request from the Center for Migrant Studies

APPENDIX 1

SAMPLE DATA FORM SENT TO GROWERS PRIOR TO VISITATION

Items To Be Included In The Survey For Migrant Camp Information

1. Name(s) of camp
2. N.Y.S. Health Code No. and Date of issue
3. Location, Town, and County
4. Owner and/or operator and address
5. Crew leader(s)
6. Housing, Capacity, approved and actual numbers of men, women, children (with age groupings for children)
7. Arrival and departure dates
8. Peak population - number and date
9. Programs Servicing Camp, their location and the number participating in each
10. Ethnic character, home base, and language
11. Nature of work performed by group
12. Leadership in camps - whether formal or informal and the names
13. Phone - location and number
14. Migrant needs as perceived by them
15. Interviewer and date

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Yes - No

- 1. Name(s) of camp
- 2. N.Y.S. Health Code No. and Date of issue
- 3. Location, Town, and County
(giving a location from a cross-road: distance/direction)
- 4. Owner and/or operator and address
- 5. Crew leader(s) - name(s) and home address
- 6. Housing Capacity, approved and actual numbers of men,
women, children (with age groupings for children)
0-4; 5 to 12 individually; 13-16
- 7. Arrival and departure dates
- 8. Peak population - number and date
(include number of non-migrants)
- 9. Programs servicing camp, their location and the number
participating in each (migrant ministries, day care,
education, etc.)
- 10. Ethnic character, home base, and language
(names and addresses in case of follow-up)
- 11. Nature of work performed by group
(pruning, picking, packing, canning, etc.)
- 12. Leadership in camps - whether formal or informal and names
- 13. Phone - location and number
- 14. Migrant needs as perceived by them
- 15. Interviewer and date (name)

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Geneseo, New York

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Mr. Clifford Butterer of 101 N. Main St., Geneva, who is conducting a Migrant Camp Survey for the New York State Center for Migrant Studies will soon be contacting you to secure information. A copy of the form to be used in the Survey is enclosed for your perusal. Its purpose is to collect data which will assist various service agencies in meeting current grower and migrant needs.

Your cooperation with Mr. Butterer in furnishing data would be most appreciated so that he may succeed in producing as accurate a survey as possible. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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